



Do you think love can change the world? We like to think so! Another word for love is the Irish word *grá*.

There are lots of different kinds of *grá*. We can have love, for someone or something—like our family, our home, and our planet. We can love to do things, like spend time with friends, play outside, and make art. We can share and spread love, too—by showing kindness, compassion, and care to all living things, everywhere. **Grá has the power to make the world a better place to live.**

This year, we're asking everyone to share their wishes for a better world and send them with *grá*.

You can send your wishes to someone you care about in a letter or a postcard. Ask them to write back with their wishes and let's see just how far our hopes for the world spread.



An Post Writing Competition

To participate in the *An Post Wishes for a Better World* Writing Competition, complete the steps below. You can use our **Teacher Guide** on the following pages to help your 1ST - 2ND class pupils craft the perfect letter!



Step 1: Send your Wishes for a Better World

If you were granted **one wish** to make the world a better place, what would it be? Write your wish in a letter or on the back of a postcard. Send it to someone you care about and ask them to write back with their wish for a better world!

Step 2: Writing Prompt

Imagine that your wish has come true! Write a **handwritten** letter telling us your wish and give 2-3 reasons why the world is a better place now! If you'd like, add a picture to your letter so we can see what your better world looks like!

Step 3: Check your Work

Encourage your pupils to use our handwriting checklist to self-edit their work!

Step 4: Send it in!

- Fill out our entry form for each pupil and attach the handwritten copy of their letter.
- Send it to:
An Post Junior Writing Competition
PO Box 13287
Freepost FDN7461
Dublin 1
- The deadline for entry submission is **18th March 2022**.



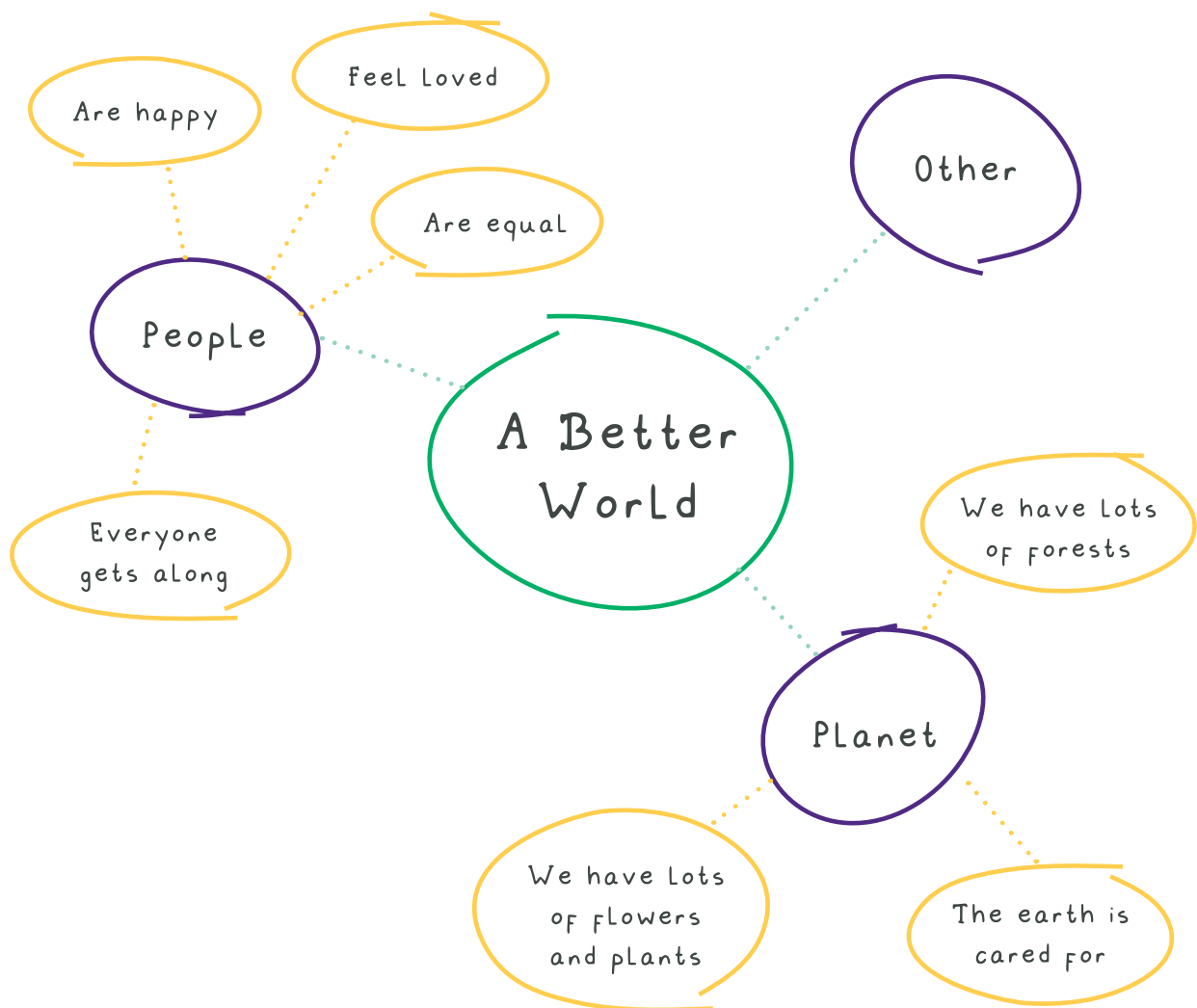


We hope you're excited to participate in An Post's annual Writing Competition. We've put together some activity ideas to help you facilitate letter writing/handwriting in your class.

A Better World Brainstorm

Before pupils start thinking about their **wish for a better world**, engage in a whole-class brainstorm about what kinds of things could make the world a better place.

1. Display a mind map, reading 'A Better World' in the center of your whiteboard or slides. You might wish to use the categories 'People' and 'Planet' as we have done below to help kick-start ideas!





2. Inspire your pupils with some of the videos below. After watching, see if pupils can add to the mind map on the board.

- [Kid President: How to Change the World](#)
- [Kids explain how to make the world a better place](#)

Want more of a sustainability focus? Check out [What's all the buzz about?](#), [Wales Tale](#) and [Rocket Says Clean Up](#). Ask pupils to think about what they could make better based on these resources and videos.

My Wishes - Thought Starters

Now that pupils have gathered ideas for what makes a better world. It's time to focus on their wish. You might suggest that they choose something you brainstormed as a class or come up with something on their own. Use some of the thought starters below to help pupils get started!

I wish...

that everyone had friends
that everyone had enough food
that we could get along
that we had more trees and plants
that everyone was kind



Letter Example and Thought Starters

Share the example letter to help your pupils get some ideas for how to structure their letter and what to include.

Dear An Post,

My wish for a better world came true! I wished for all of us to get along with each other. Now the world is a better place because there is peace. Everyone loves everyone. We are all happy.

I am glad my wish came true. I hope your wish does too!

Sincerely,

Your Name

Sentence Starters

- My wish for a better world came true!
- I wished for...
- Now the world is a better place because...
- I am glad my wish came true